

Minutes

**Judicial Education Committee Meeting/Retreat
February 8, 2002
10:00 -11:30 a.m. Subcommittee Meetings
12:30-3:30 p.m. Full Committee Meeting
National City Center, Fourth Floor Conference Room**

1. Committee Members Present:

Bruce Embrey (chair), Nancy Vaidik, Mike Witte, Jim Williams, Earl Penrod, Greg Donat, Barb Collins, Ted Todd, Bob Freese, Maggie Robb, Doug Morton.

2. Staff Present:

Cathy Springer, Vicki Davis, Anne Jordan, and Jane Seigel provided staff support.

3. Review of Judicial Education Committee Mission, Goals and Objectives.

The Committee reviewed the mission statement developed in 1999: "The mission of the Judicial Education Committee is to provide education of such depth, breadth, and quality to continually develop Indiana's judicial branch as a learning institution." Discussion was held regarding any need to modify the statement; and it was suggested that the committee bring in a facilitator every three years at the retreat to help focus the group on the committee's goals and objectives.

4. December Minutes.

Doug Morton moved that paragraph 9 of the December minutes be revised to reflect that the December conference will be a one day program focusing on a specific topic, and to delete that the topic would be on trial court funding issues. No decision had been made at that time regarding the December topic. Minutes will be amended.

5. Subcommittee Reports.

Judicial College. Earl Penrod reported on the "Indiana Judicial College Master's Certificate," an advanced judicial educational opportunity proposed by the subcommittee. The proposal includes: to be eligible for the Master's Certificate, a candidate must first graduate from the Indiana Judicial College, and must also complete the Graduate Program for Indiana Judges (the Graduate Program Committee will be approached regarding this concept). The Master's Certificate requires 120 hours of judicial education hours offered by the Indiana Judicial Center, of which 30 hours are 'masters credit only' courses. The candidate must also submit a paper on a legal topic of choice, which will be reviewed by the subcommittee. A motion was passed to advise the Judicial Conference Board of Directors and the Graduate Program Committee regarding the Master's Certificate Program.

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Orientation. Mike Witte reported that the Orientation committee worked primarily on the pre-bench orientation scheduled for December 11-12. There are 145 benches up for re-election in 2002. It was suggested that we emphasize the Judicial College concept as part of the program; and inform new judges about the various national judicial organizations that exist.

Technology. The technology subcommittee did not meet. Anne Jordan reported that this committee plans to act as a liaison with JTAC to determine the technology-related educational needs of the judiciary. As a result, the Center and JTAC have included a Lexis legal research training class on the schedule for the Spring Judicial College. Committee members are also collecting information on distance learning options such as video teleconferencing, web-based training, and CD-rom training. Discussion was also had on technology in the courtroom and teaching a program on PDA's (personal digital assistants such as the Palm

Pilot).

Faculty Development. The faculty development subcommittee did not meet. Anne Jordan reported that Dr. Louis Phillips will teach a course on faculty development and one on course evaluation at the Spring Judicial College. She also reported work on the development of the concept of “course advisors,” and the development of a faculty handbook.

6. 2001 Year in Review.

The curriculum report from 2001 was presented. Curriculum categories and percentage goals were discussed.

7. 2002-2003 Curriculum.

April Judicial College. The course schedule was handed out. The mailing will go out to judicial officers mid-February. This conference is intended to attract judicial officers to specific courses of interest and to limit class size. All courses will qualify for continuing legal education and judicial college credit.

September Judicial Conference. It was decided to present a session on “state funding of trial courts—local control.” Other topics discussed include protective orders (if new legislation passes); child support guideline review; plenary session on the new jury rules followed by concurrent breakout sessions on specific areas of significant change such as juror note taking/questions and compilation of the jury list (jury pool); a mental health topic on “crisis intervention team model” being employed in Allen County. A suggestion was also made to include a substance abuse topic at the annual meeting. Jane Seigel raised the issue of having more business conducted at the annual meeting, including the idea of an “agency forum.” Discussion ensued on ideas for keynote speakers at the opening and closing sessions - “the Rule of Law” and “what is justice” was suggested.

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December Conference. Again, this will be a one-day conference on a specific topic. Suggestions include state funding of trial courts; protective orders—domestic violence—ex parte orders; violence in American culture, security, and the practical problems. The staff will come up with a proposal for discussion at the April meeting.

8. *The next Education Committee meeting will be held on Friday, April 26.* Subcommittees will meet from 10:00 - 12:00 p.m. Lunch will be on your own. The full committee will meet from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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